

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1617

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amanda Blackburn,  
Kingsport City Schools Grades 9-12 Teacher of  
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Blackburn is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn has been selected as the 2021–2022 Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a biology teacher at Dobyns-Bennett High School, Amanda Blackburn is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a ten-year veteran educator, Ms. Blackburn has also served as the Science Department chair and the MATE Underwater Robotics coach; she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education in reading and a reading specialist endorsement from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Blackburn serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackburn truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amanda Blackburn on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.